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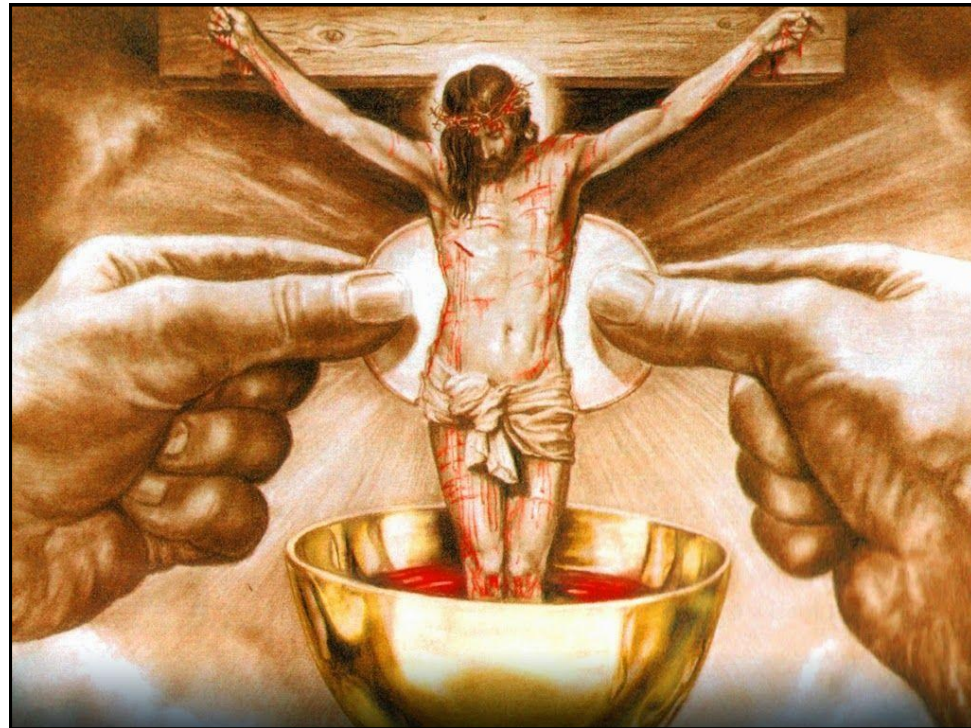
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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Corpus Christi

Year C

June 22, 2025

PARISH MINISTRIES

Worship/Liturgy: Noelle Harvey
Justice & Peace: open
Religious Education: Wohleking /Peterson
Parish Life: Johnna Harris
OCIA/Adult Formation: John Weidner
Pastoral Care: Lynne Richardson
Administration: Ray Kstesky

FINANCE COUNCIL

Debby Harriman
Tom Hawksworth
Tom Jessee
Debbie McNeil
Gary Richardson
Fritz Sitterding-Chairman
Anne Wolski

Church Hours

Sunday Mass 9AM

Wednesday Daily Mass 9AM

Thursday Daily Mass 9AM

Parish Office Hours 9AM-2PM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Pastor, Johnny Mintah-Mensah “Koo”

119 Club Drive

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PARISH COUNCIL

(elected members)

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Please call the office about arranging Baptisms, Marriages, the OCIA Program, Sacraments of Anointing, Reconciliation, Sick Calls, the schedule for Holy Days, and our Rosary Ministry.

MASS/MUSIC

Entrance: I Am the Bread of Life #355

“Loving and Forgiving” #653

Penitential Act: page 4

Lord Have Mercy #896

Glory To God #897

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Responsorial Psalm: You are a priest forever, in the line of
Melchizedek.

Second Reading: Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel Acclamation: I am the living bread that came down from
heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

Homily: Father Koo

Nicene Creed: page 9

Prayers of the Faithful Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Gift of Finest Wheat #345

Holy: #900

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lord’s Prayer: page 26

Lamb of God: #905

Communion: I Am the Bread of Life #355

Meditation: Miracle of Grace #334

Recessional: Sing to the Mountains #555



June Birthdays

2nd-Walt Donovan & Kim Lovejoy, 7th-Michele Puttmann,
11th-Sarah Woods, 13th-Charles Hartz, 14th-Johnna Harris,
17th-Arlene Warren, 20th-David Biederman, 21st-Marla Bury, 23rd-
Fritz Sitterding, 24th-Gerri Lohr, 25th-Zaida Wohleking, 26th-Una
Kerrigan, 27th-Sharon Hawksworth, Susan Seay & Carl Ambrose,
28th-Baylen Miller.

If you would like to add your name to the Birthday/Anniversary list please contact the office.



June Anniversaries

1st-Fritz & Suzanne Sitterding, 13th-Lynne & Gary Richardson,
21st-Scott & Kathy Kauffman, Dave & Emily Filippi,
25th-Ray & Jean Kstesky, 27th-Don & Sandi Delagrange,
28th-Bob & Barbara Smith.

UPCOMING EVENTS



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Today-The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
KOC Pancake Breakfast

June 29th-Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles “Father Koo”

30th Anniversary Celebration Mass @ 10:00am/reception
following. Our Guest is Arch Bishop Kwofie from Ghana

June 22, 2025

Sacristy: Delagrange

Community Leader: Clair

Altar Server: Ambrose/Kirsch

Lectors: Degroot/Dubicki

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Petralia

Chalice: Gray/Sychterz/Ambrose/Puleo

Music: Powers

Counters: Harris/Hollingsworth

June 29, 2025

Sacristy Duty: Harvey

Community Leader: Richardson

Altar Server: Kstesky/Smith

Lectors: Petralia/Sychterz

Eucharistic Ministers: Hosts: Smith

Chalice: Harriman/Plunkert/Seay/TBD

Music: Meanley

Counters: Harriman/McNeil

OFFERTORY COLLECTION from June 15, 2025

Collection: \$ 2,750

Second Collection:

Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 135,535

Total Budget Projection: \$ 128,061

Loan Balance: \$ 97,014

Our second collection today is for the Catholic Virginian.

We did not sign any principal checks this week.



LEGACY GIFTS

Permanent endowments are gifts that keep on giving. If the endowment agreement states that the principal shall never be invaded and that income is paid out to support a designated cause through your church, then your gift is “forever.”

Trusts allow you to make a gift to your church in the future. You may set up the trust now and keep the income for yourself or other beneficiaries as long as you choose, or for life. The church will receive the property after that. There are special tax benefits for these kinds of trusts.

Charitable Remainder Trusts allow you to make a gift to your church while retaining income from the gifted asset during your lifetime (and that of your spouse). If the trust is funded with appreciated property, capital gains taxes may be avoided. There will also be a significant current income tax deduction at the time the trust is created.



RECURRING EVENTS

Weekly-Sunday 8:30am-New Worship Area Rosary (Cindy Jessee)

1st-Thursday of the month-Adoration 9:30am-10:30am (Cindy Jessee)

2nd-Monday of the month-Visitation Singers 9:30am (Carol McCormack)

3rd-Wednesday of the month-KOC meeting starts 5:15pm (Al Langer)

2nd & 4th-Monday each month at 1:00pm Shawl Ministry (Sandi Delagrange)

1st-Friday each month at 9:00am; other weeks on Thursdays at 9:45am- COV Gals.
(Louise Petralia/Eileen O'Brien)

2nd-Thursday of the month Liturgy Meeting (Noelle Harvey)



SUPPORTER OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP

Vera & John England
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Kathy Kauffman
Gene & Anne Wolski
Jack & Laurie King
Terry Skovera
Bill & Donna Plunkert
Norbert & Kathryn Bliley
Dan & Linda Peterson
Tommy & Donna Lange
Charles & Louise Hartz
Dave & Emily Filippi
William Durham-Auctioneer



FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of our pastor and friend, Fr. John Boddie, from whom flowed love and kindness to all who knew him. May his soul rest in peace. Money from these ads are used as scholarships given to the youth of our church. Please make your checks payable to THE FR. JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.
Checks and ads can be deposited in the church office. The charge per space is \$100. Thank you for your continued support. **The Scholarship Committee**
Website for scholarship application: www.church-of-the-visitation.org
Application deadline: Early March 2026

In memory of
Mollie McMurtrie
my long time friend.
I will miss you.
JoAnn Nolte

In loving memory of
Joseph H. Nolte Jr.



Forever,
JoAnn

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Journey Through the Bible: The Story of Elijah (1 Kings 17-19, 2 Kings 1-2)

This commentary is adapted from Little Rock Scripture Study's "Panorama of the Old Testament".

After the division of the kingdom, the prophets Elijah and Elisha become two of the most memorable figures in Israel. The reign of King Ahab of the northern kingdom forms the backdrop for the career of these two men. Ahab and his pagan wife Jezebel have brought fertility liturgies and sacred prostitution into Samaria and erected a temple to the Canaanite god Baal. Elijah denounces their idolatry and proclaims a severe drought on God's authority. Elijah survives the drought through the miraculous multiplication of a widow's last bit of oil and flour.

1 Kings 18 describes how Elijah ends the drought by bringing the populace back to exclusive worship of the Lord. Elijah confronts 450 priests of Baal, who have no success in invoking their god to bring fire down upon an altar. God answers Elijah, and sends down fire upon the altar. Like Moses, Elijah does wondrous deeds in God's name so that all will know the LORD. The people turn back to God, and the drought ends.

Elijah's despair at the failure of his prophetic mission and his consequent attempt to resign from the prophetic office is described in 1 Kings 19. The land is evil, the king is evil, the prophets of Baal are dead, and Elijah's life has been threatened by Jezebel. He wishes he could die. Escaping the wrath of Jezebel, Elijah journeys southward for forty days and nights to Mount Horeb (Sinai). Yet, Elijah does not experience God's voice amidst the earthquake, storm, and fire as did Moses, but the prophet listens and God speaks to him through "a light silent sound" (1 Kings 19:12). For Israel, the two figures of Moses and Elijah sum up the whole of salvation history. Moses represents the Torah and Elijah embodies the prophets. Moses and Elijah, the two figures who experienced God's theophany on this mountain, reappear with Jesus on another mountain at his transfiguration (Mark 9:2-9; Matthew 17:1-9; Luke 9:28-36). In fact, Israel's prophetic tradition teaches that the age of the messiah will bring a prophet like Moses and the return of Elijah.

At the end of his life, Elijah arrives with Elisha at the Jordan River. Elijah strikes the river with his mantle and the waters part. The two prophets cross over on dry land, just as the Israelites passed in to the land many centuries before. Elijah is then taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot after passing a double portion of his spirit to his successor Elisha, just as Moses appointed Joshua to carry on his leadership. Elisha takes up the mantle that Elijah has left behind and continues his prophetic ministry to Israel. The Jewish tradition awaits Elijah's return by setting him a place at table and pouring him a cup of wine at every Passover.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The Feast of Corpus Christi

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Feast of Corpus Christi, which is Latin for "the Body of Christ".

The feast day commemorates the Eucharist-the meal in which we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharist is at the heart of our Catholic faith and traditionally holds a special place among the sacraments.

For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch. The Eucharist was instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper and this institution of the sacrament is celebrated on Holy Thursday.

However, the emphasis of the Triduum is on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, which creates the need or another feast day focusing on the Eucharist itself. As Catholics, we believe in transubstantiation, the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained. This presence is called 'real'-by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which is, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present.

The Feast of Corpus Christi emphasizes and celebrates this Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharistic.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knight of Columbus pancake breakfast is today after Mass. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee. All are Welcome! Your generous donation helps support the efforts of the KOC and our parish.



Last Sunday we Baptized
Wrenley Alice Donner

Proud Parents;
Ryan and Brittany Donner

Proud Grandparents
John and Monique Donner



Photos by our Cindy Jessee



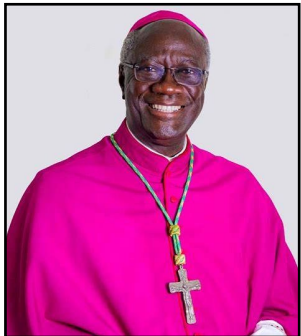
BISHOP'S VISIT

At the end of June, we will observe a special event for our parish and Father Koo.

Arch Bishop John Bonaventure Kwofie from Accra, Ghana will visit the Diocese from June 25th-30th, staying at the Rectory and helping us celebrate Father Koo's 30th year of Ordination.

On Sunday, June 29th, and in a slight departure from our normal Sunday schedule, we will celebrate a **10:00AM** Mass here at COV jointly with FdS, followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Father Koo was ordained on July 22, 1995, and we welcome the opportunity to honor him and host the visit of a distinguished guest along with parishioners from our sister church.



OUR PARISH REPRESENTATIVES VOTE

"Parish Vote Report" prepared by the Virginia Catholic Conference - which represents our Commonwealth's bishops at our state capitol in Richmond. The report shows how the legislators who represent our parish area voted on some highly consequential issues earlier this year.

One key vote was the ongoing attempt to add an extreme so called "right to abortion" amendment to the Virginia Constitution - a matter you will continue to hear much more about. Many people took an active part in these debates. Knowing the outcomes and how your legislators voted is a critical part of staying informed and engaged. Please review the vote report and join the Virginia Catholic Conference email network at vacatholic.org/action.

Though the session has concluded, there are ongoing efforts to add an extreme abortion amendment to Virginia's constitution. Please note each parish has two reports, one for its delegate and one for its senator. The results are located in the Narthex. Please stop by the



Journey Through the Bible Readings and Daily Prayer Points
June 22 through June 28, 2025

Sun, Jun 22 : The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*)
Bible Readings (Day 173): 2 Kings 4; 2 Chronicles 28;
Psalm 127

**Prayer Point: By partaking in the Holy Eucharist, let us become more perfectly the Body of Christ*

Mon, Jun 23: Bible Readings (Day 174): 2 Kings 5; Hosea 1-3; Psalm 101
**Prayer Point: That we may bring the mercy of Christ to all in need*

Tue, Jun 24: The Nativity of Saint John The Baptist
Bible Readings (Day 175): 2 Kings 6-7; Hosea 4-7; Psalm 103
**Prayer Point: Guide our feet into the way of peace*

Wed, Jun 25: Bible Readings (Day 176): 2 Kings 8; Hosea 8-10;
Psalm 108

**Prayer Point: Grant us the wisdom to seek the solitude and silence of prayer*

Thu, Jun 26: Bible Readings (Day 177): 2 Kings 9; Hosea 11-14;
Psalm 109

**Prayer Point: Heal all who labor under pain of depression and anxiety*

Fri, Jun 27: The Most Scared Heart of Jesus
Bible Readings (Day 178): 2 Kings 10; Amos 1-3; Psalm 110
**Prayer Point: Inflame our hearts with the passionate love of Jesus revealed through his Sacred Heart*

Sat, Jun 28: Bible Readings (Day 179): 2 Kings 11-12; Amos 4-6;
Psalm 122

**Prayer Point: Let us ponder the word of God in our hearts as did Mother Mary*

CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS FOR FDS!

Beginning July 1, 2025, our parish office will open on
Tuesdays and Fridays 8 am-4 pm.

This is due to Mary Marshall's medical leave and the time
acceptable to Joanne Norton, who will be our Temporary
Parish Secretary. You will be able to reach Joanne by phone
at (804) 725-2776 or by email at: office@fdschurch.org.

SACRISTY MINISTRY

Our Sacristy Ministry is looking for individuals who would like
to join/learn about this ministry. If you are Interested please see
Sandi Delagrange after Mass or contact the church office.

*A Hearty Welcome to Our
New Parishioners!*



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Please pray for the following

In Memoriam:

Jim Dreelin, Bernie Bernhardt, Rollin Cowles



PARISHIONERS

Helen Lyons, Paul Dubicki, Jean Box, Suzanne Sitterding,
John McCormack, Donna Lange, Bill Campbell, Maggie Gerdts,
Betty Johnson, Dot Edwards, Peggy Williams, Barbara Smith,
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Nunn, Lois & Skip Kramb, Marianne Krop, Michele Meanley,
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FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

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Beall, Dick Patton, Peggy Smith, Brian Dubicki, Anthony Pace,
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Brown, Chloe Pearson, Tom Delagrange, John Calvin Barnard, Jus-
tin Harvey, John Wohleking, Christopher Seay, Lynn Messina,
Gene Sullivan, Diane Petralia, Andy Hetzer, Ryan Jessee.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Brenda Brizendine, Father Bob Brownell, Bobby Brizendine, Gay
Ruff, Melanie Crittenden, Dave Gunn, Alex Brown, Jim Bruso Jr.,
Linda Cryer, Kathy Goynes, Elizabeth Panzer, Valerie McCarthy.

*If you need to add to the prayer list or would like a Mass intention please call the office,
email, or leave a note in the box outside the office.*



Our Altar Flowers today are in
Memory of My Mother

Jean Cameron

Cindy Jessee



FATHER JOHN BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP

The Father John Boddie Memorial Scholarship Fund
drive started June 1st. Our goal this year is to raise
\$10,000. During the month of June we are soliciting
donations for ads in the bulletin. This is our only
source of income.

If you have donated in the past, we have your renewal
envelopes in the Narthex. Please pick up your infor-
mation when you leave church today. If you have not
purchased an ad and desire to support this worthy
cause, there are envelopes available.

*We thank you for all your
continued support.*

Any questions please call the office.



OUR LADY OF THE BAY COUNCIL #210 OF MATHEWS/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES

*K of C is a not-for-profit organization whose principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

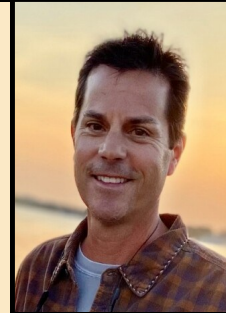
*Donations support: Gloucester, Mathews, Northern Neck & Middlesex Free Health Clinics (KOVAR)
Virginians with intellectual disabilities, the VA Veterans Services- Golf Tournament, Families in need,
Hands Across Middlesex & Mathews, and The Father John Boddie Scholarship Fund.

*Activities that provide funding: Pancake Breakfast, Italian Feast, St. Pat's Dinner, KOVAR Collection,
Dave Marchant Golf Tournament.

*We are active participants in many ministries to include Alter servers, Choir members, Collection counter,
Community Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish Council Members and Ushers.

In memory of
our son
Christian Strotmeyer

John & Pam
Strotmeyer



The KOC meet at 5:15pm on the 3rd Wednesday
of the month at the Church of the Visitation.

We start with the Rosary.

All are welcome! Any questions call

Our Grand Knight -

Al Langer at 804-815-1328.



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In
Loving Memory
Of

Alma and Fritz Sitterding

Supporting Our Youth



In loving memory of our Father Bob Nash



*In memory of my beloved Spike.
Where he was, there was Eden
Love Forever,
Becky*



In Loving Memory of
Bobby Warren

Your Family
Arlene,
L.C., Faye,
Caitlyn & Courtlyn

"Gone but not to be forgotten"

In Loving Memory of

Carmen and David

Brinkley

In Loving Memory of

Vincent "Poppy" &
Vinnie Recupido

The Recupido &
Hollingsworth Families


*TO SUPPORT
OUR YOUTH,
THEIR DREAMS,
& OUR FUTURE.*

Lynne & Gary Richardson

Thanks for always
supporting us in
everything we do!

♥ Emily & Anna

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In
Loving
Memory of
Jack Petralia

Do not fear, for I am with you,
Do not be afraid, for I am your God
Isaiah 41:10

Pray that the youth of today
will help make the world a
better place for tomorrow.

Frank & Terry Sisto

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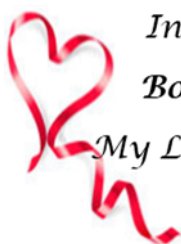
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love
and
miss
you.
♥
Jim

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our education

Michael, Colin, Kathryn,
John & Kevin Walsh

 In Memory of
Bob Hartman
My Love of My Life
Jenny

In loving
memory of
Marty
Hawksworth

Tom & Sharon

We Salute the Youth
of Our Church and
Their Important Journey.

Carmen & Joe Brinkley

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In Loving
Memory of
Morgan
Wells
Forever,
Marianne



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knowledge pays
the best interest."
-Benjamin Franklin
Tom & Cindy Jessee

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Future Leaders
"Our Youth"
The Kirsch Family

FOR OUR CHURCH KITTIES

Choco, Tabby & Rufus



In Loving Memory of
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Fred and Betty Meister

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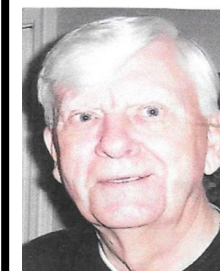


"I am the good shepherd...
and I will lay down my
life for the sheep."
(John 10:14)
John and Diane Weidner

In Loving Memory of
"Lee Hollingsworth"
We love and miss you!
Barb & Tori

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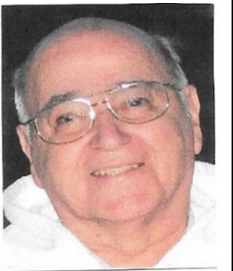
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Kenneth Anderson



"Say not in grief 'he is no more'
but in thankfulness that he was".



Lewis Forte


In Loving Memory

"Ricky" David Richard Suyes III & Marie M. Suyes



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In memory of
Michael Tebbs Nunn
&
Douglas Arthur Nelson Nunn
"Our Beloved Sons"
Spike and Becky Nunn

In Loving Memory of
Reinald Carter
&
Mary Borzelleca
Mike and Gretchen Borzelleca